

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 34-45 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 30, 31, 46 and 47 are canceled without prejudice.

No new matter is added.

REJECTIONS UNDER §103

In paragraph 5 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 30, 31, 46 and 47 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 3,161,554A in view of JP02-034680A. While not agreeing with the position of the Office and solely to expedite issuance of allowed claims 34-45, this claims 30, 31, 46 and 47 have been cancelled. Accordingly, this rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees up to a strict limit of \$3,000.00 beyond that authorized on the credit card, but not more than \$3,000.00 in additional fees due with any communication for the above referenced patent application, including but not limited to any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment of any amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number ARSI-013.

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